(c) whether their work has been found to be satisfactory; and

(d) if so, the results thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) to (d) There are 8 Rural Functional Literacy projects of 100 adult education centres each covering 47 blocks in all the 11 districts of the State. These projects are sponsored and funded by the Central Government and implemented by the State Government as per the prescribed financial pattern of the scheme. A sum of Rs. 23.57 lakhs was released during 1990-91. A total of 18680 learners, comprising of 9378 male learners and 9302 female learners, were covered during 1990-91.

Projects|Schemes of Tamil Nadu pending with central Government

107. SHRI R. T. GOPALAN: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of various projects/schemes (other than irrigation/industrial/power generation) received from the State of Tamil Nadu pending with the Union Government for clearance;

(b) since when these projects|schemes are pending;

(c) the steps taken by the Union Government to clear these projects; and

(d) by when these schemes/projects are likely to be cleared?

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) to (d) Details are given in the statement attached.

(*See* Appendix 159, Annexure No. 6)

Ayurvedic treatment of fistula

108. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that trials of Ayurvedic treatment of fistula through medicated thread has been found effective;

(b) whether Government also propose to encourage this Ayurvedic method of treatment; and

(c) if so, what steps are being taken to popularise this method of treatment?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D. K. THARA DEVI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The Scientific Advisory Group of the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) on Traditional Medicines as well as Scientific Advisory Board of the Indian Council of Medical Research have recommended that the results of these multicentric clinical trials may be disseminated through various forums like workshops, seminars. However, this treatment is being provided through Ayurvedic hospitals, dispensaries and camps all over the country. Gujarat Ayurveda University, Jamnagar, also conducts training programme for medical practitioners who want to learn this method of treatment of fistula-in-ano.

Dacoity in State Bank of India (Itanagar branch)

109. SHRI NYODEK YONGGAM: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that Rupees one crore fifty two lakh was looted from S.B.I. ITANAGAR recently by dacoits at gun point in broad daylight;

(b) whether the culprits have been nabbed so far; and

(c) if so, what amount of money has been recovered?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) State Bank of India has reported that an amount of Rs. 1,27, 50,000|- was lost in the dacoity at Itanagar on 8-3-1991.